

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Masatada NUMANO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 7856
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Application No.: 10/579,442	:	Group Art Unit: 1793
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Filed: May 15, 2006	:	Examiner: KERNS, Kevin P.
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For: CASTING NOZZLE	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

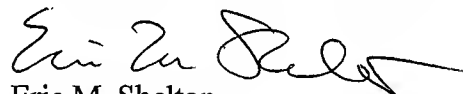
Sir:

Noting the Office Action of June 20, 2008 wherein restriction has been required,
Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-9) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is
hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,
including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to
such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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